

PROHIBITIONISTS DESCRIBING EACH OTHER AS GUILTY OF DISLOYALTY

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, March 6.—After a day of bitter debate, during which caustic epithets and charges of disloyalty to the party were hurled from one side to the other, the delegates to the national prohibition convention were deadlocked last night on the question of merging with the new Nationalist party, formed at St. Louis by Socialists who disagreed with that party's stand on the war.

Throughout the day the anti-merger faction had the better of the argument, three times winning minor skirmishes, but by night leaders of each side through predicting victory were planning compromises to be introduced later.

The first victory for the anti-merger faction came when they forced through a motion to make the debate on the question limited. Led by William A. Brubaker of Chicago and Judge H. L. Peak, delegate from Ohio, the delegates favoring the merger attempted to have the debate limited to thirty minutes for each side, but were overwhelmed.

ingly defeated, after E. J. H. Prugh of Harrisburg, Pa., charged that an attempt was being made to railroad through the merger. The anti-mergers won again a few minutes later when they succeeded in passing a motion making two-thirds majority necessary to pass the merger resolution. It was said to be the first time the prohibitionists had required more than a majority to pass on any action.

The third victory came when the merger faction was defeated in an attempt to have representatives of the Nationalists, who convene here today, address the convention after the debate had closed. The anti-mergers insisted that the Nationalists speak before the debate closed, this given them a chance for rebuttal.

The resolution calling for the merger provided that a satisfactory platform must be adopted by the Nationalists. The chief objections found to the Nationalist platform by the prohibitionists were that it favored the single tax and that its main purpose apparently was not

nation-wide prohibition, though delegates favoring the merger insisted that prohibition was the main thing for which the Nationalists are working.

Among the compromises suggested one was that the prohibition party keep its national committee intact to work for nation-wide prohibition. Another was that an agreement first be reached that the prohibitionists have a certain number of representatives on the Nationalists' national committee. A third, strongly favored by the anti-merger faction, was that each party retain its own name, but that committees be formed to cooperate in obtaining certain legislation.

The prohibitionists were exceptionally bitter over the fact that Mayor W. M. Thompson of Chicago apparently refused to deliver the address of welcome. He was requested to do so and Virgil Hinshaw, chairman of the national committee, in opening the convention, said that "prominent Chicagoans asked to deliver an address of welcome had refused."

GOVERNMENT CONTROL RAILROADS WILL CONTINUE AFTER THE WAR

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 6.—Government control and operation of railroads probably will continue for twenty-one months after the war. A tentative agreement fixing that time limit was reached late yesterday by conference on the railroad control bill as a compromise for two years, proposed in the house bill, and eighteen months, proposed in the senate. The conferees expect their tentative agreement finally will be presented to congress.

The conferees adjourned until today with the important question of rate making still in debate. The complete adjustment of differences on the measure is expected today.

In view of the intimation said to have come from President Wilson that he would not object to the senate bill's provision giving him power to initiate rates, but retaining authority for their final review by the interstate commerce commission.

On returning from a conference with the president, Senator Pomorens of Ohio, one of the conferees, announced significantly that he would not "now" yield from the senate provision.

The rate question was made the special order for consideration today by the conferees, Senator Smith of South Carolina, who conferred with the president, being prepared to submit his compromise provision to the conferees should the house representatives persist in their opposition to the senate's provision.

Another question still in dispute and discussed at considerable length concerns provisions to prevent all possible interference, during government operation of the railroads, with regulatory and taxation functions of the state.

The conferees also finally ratified their tentative agreement bringing all "short line" railroads into the government system. The house provision for the "short lines" was substantially adopted by the conferees in lieu of the senate's provision which would affect only competitive lines.

OLDEST ITALIAN OFFICER.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, March 6.—The oldest officer in the Italian army is Count Francesco Pais-Serra, who, on the celebration of his eightieth birthday recently, was by royal decree promoted to the rank of colonel. Count Pais-Serra served as a volunteer with Garibaldi in 1866-67, during the first war for a greater Italy, and later in 1870-71, when he was a colonel. He joined the present war as a volunteer lieutenant.

DEMAND FOR MEDALS.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, March 6.—Nominations to different ranks in the Legion of Honor since the war began have brought the membership up to about double the limit that was observed previously. New legislation will be necessary to legitimize the nomination in excess of the number provided for by law. Up to June 1, 55,156 military medals had been awarded by the French army.

COPPER FOUND IN CHINA.

(By Associated Press.)
PEKING, March 6.—Copper mines have been discovered in the neighborhood of Yuan Hsien, in Paoingfu. A syndicate has been formed, and an application has been made to the ministry of commerce and agriculture for the privilege of opening and developing the mines.

UNITED STATES AGREES.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 6.—It became known when the cabinet met today that the United States is now in agreement with the co-belligerents of the east on the principles of action in Siberia. Details are incomplete.

DELAY ACTION WILSON'S REQUEST

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 6.—Action on a request made by President Wilson for legislation authorizing him to acquire for the government complete, legal title to the German-owned piers of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American lines at Hoboken, N. J., was postponed from yesterday until today by the senate appropriations committee because some of the members insisted upon knowing the reason for the proposed action.

Several Democratic and Republican senators joined in opposition to granting the request until the administration submits reasons for acquiring the extensive German properties, with an estimated cost. Some members expressed fear that the step might commit the government to permanent shipping ownership and operation.

The president called Senator Martin of Virginia, Democratic leader and chairman of the appropriations committee, to the White House early in the day and asked for the legislation. Later he sent by a personal messenger the draft of an amendment to the billion dollar urgent deficiency appropriation bill authorizing acquisition of the docking facilities by condemnation or otherwise.

A lively dispute in the committee followed and it was decided to hear a representative of the administration on the subject today. As the government has commandeered the piers and is now using them, members of the committee argued that there should be an explanation of the necessity for further action.

PROGRESS MADE PACKERS PROBE

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, March 6.—After delving yesterday into correspondence relating to the activities of A. E. De Riegles of Denver, a live stock man, who from an opponent of the big packers developed into their advocate, the federal trade commission's investigation into the packing house industry adjourned for a few days. The next session, Francis J. Heney, counsel for the commission, announced, would be held after the United States circuit court of appeals had ruled on the appeal of Henry Veeder, counsel for Swift & Co., who is seeking to prevent the commission from taking possession of papers and documents taken from a vault in his private office under a search warrant.

Argument on the Veeder appeal is set for today.

The correspondence introduced yesterday consisted of letters from to and concerning Mr. De Riegles. In them were appeals for contributions to the Boy Scouts of Denver, statements of the views of Mr. De Riegles in the packing house situation, friendly recommendation of De Riegles by J. O. Armour to the National City Bank of New York, and statements concerning the prosperity of the Denver man's live stock and loan business.

The De Riegles correspondence, Mr. Heney said, was introduced to throw light on the transformation of a packers' opponent into a packers' friend.

ADRIFT NINE DAYS IN AN OPEN BOAT

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, March 6.—The sufferings of some of the seamen whose vessels have been torpedoed by German submarines have been revealed in the case of some of the sailors from the Chesterfield, who were adrift for nine days in an open boat after their vessel went down. They were without food and their hunger and thirst became so intense that they chewed boot leather and drank salt water. Several of them died from exposure and two became temporarily insane.

WILL GROW FOODSTUFFS.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 6.—Tobacco planters all over the island, realizing how serious the food shortage has become and that Porto Rico must be made as nearly self-supporting as possible, are preparing to plant food crops during this month. After the tobacco crop is harvested corn and beans will be grown.

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DEVOTED MEDICOS IN BELGIAN ARMY

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, March 6.—An eye-witness of the events has supplied the Associated Press with the following story of the devoted courage shown by two Belgian army doctors:

German shells had just demolished a dug-out near Caeskerke (facing Dixmude) and a block of concrete had fallen on a Belgian soldier, crushing both his legs. It was impossible to remove the block, so the only hope of saving the man's life was to operate on the spot.

A surgeon was summoned by telephone and Dr. Titz hurried to the scene, accompanied by an army nurse. The regimental doctor, Bastin, with an orderly, followed. The two doctors hurried through the communication trenches under a heavy bombardment. A fragment from an aerial torpedo struck Dr. Bastin, killing him instantly. Dr. Titz could only assure himself that he could do nothing for his companion, and hurried on. Under incessant shell fire, he amputated both legs of the soldier and saw him carried through the communication trenches, still under shell fire, to the rear, where there is every reason to hope that his life will be saved.

HOSTILITIES CEASE.

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD, March 6.—Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-chief of the army, has ordered the field staff at Mohilev to cease hostilities, according to an official announcement today. The troops are instructed to remain in their present positions.

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WILL ERECT MONUMENT.

(By Associated Press.)
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